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b. Amendment to the Specification

1. Please replace Paragraph [0029] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0029] --As shown in the embodiments in FIGS. 1 through 6, the second handle member 14 comprises a serrated first jaw member 17 along one end portion, and the floating head portion 15 comprises a corresponding serrated second jaw member 18 along one of its sides. The extraction tool's jaw members 17, 18 are parallel to one another. Preferably, one or both, most preferably both, jaws are serrated. The serrated teeth 36 allow a good grip on the shaft of the embedded object. As shown in FIGS. 1 through 6, the serrated gripping teeth 36 are most preferably oriented in an upward direction (i.e., leaning toward the main pivot pin), and oppose one another, in order to enhance the grasp on the object being extracted. As seen in FIGS. 3 and 6, the uppermost, or first [[,]] set of, teeth in each jaw member preferably oppose each other, so that the extraction tool 10 contacts the embedded object as close to the surface (substrate) as possible. Other gripping means could be employed in place of serrated teeth. --

2. Please replace Paragraphs [0042] and [0043] with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[0042] --The extraction tool 10 with the claw 26 preferably comprises:

a) an elongated, movable first handle member 13 ~~with~~ comprising a first, upper end portion being divided into two matching legs 30, 31, the legs 30, 31 being separated by an opening 32;

b) a corresponding second handle member 14 ~~having~~ comprising a first, upper end extending through the opening between a first and a second one of the legs 30, 31, the second handle member 14 being pivotally attached to the first leg 30 and the second leg 31, the second handle member 14 comprising a first jaw member 17 at its first end;

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c) a floating head portion 15 pivotally attached to the first and second legs 30, 31, the floating head portion 15 comprising a second jaw member 18 and an adjacent, upper curved edge 19;

d) two matching lever bars 33, 34, each being pivotally connected at one end portion of the lever bar to the second handle member 14 and at an opposite end portion of the lever bar to the floating head portion 15, the lever bars 33, 34 facing one another from opposite sides of the tool 10; and

e) a claw 26 connected to the upper, curved edge 19 of the floating head portion 15 at an end opposite the second jaw member 18; and

wherein the second jaw member 18 is engaged against the first jaw member 17 when the tool 10 is in a closed position, and disengaged from the first jaw member 17 when the tool 10 is in an open position. The claw 26 preferably comprises two matching prongs 27, 28, each having a flattened, pointed end. The first and second jaw members 18 each preferably comprise serrated teeth 36, and maintain a parallel relationship to one another in both the open and closed positions. Preferably, the main pivot pin 22 passes through corresponding holes in the legs of the first handle member 13 and the second handle member 14; and the second pivot pin 23 passes through corresponding holes in the ends of the legs 30, 31 of the first handle member 13 and a forward section of the floating head portion 15.

[0043] The elongated object is extracted through a body made of wood or a wood substitute by the following steps:

a) engaging a portion of the elongated object with a first prong 27 and a second prong 28 of a claw of a hand tool 10;

b) rocking the hand tool 10 back on a curved, flattened edge 19 of the hand tool in a direction away from the wooden surface, so as to partly disengage the elongated object from the surface;

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- c) disengaging the elongated object from the hand tool 10;
- d) engaging a portion of the elongated object by a hand tool 10, the hand tool 10 comprising two opposing jaw members 17, 18 and a floating head portion 15, the floating head portion 15 comprising a second one of the jaw members 18, and a curved, flattened edge extending perpendicularly from the second jaw member 18;
- e) operating the hand tool 10 such that the hand tool 10 grips the elongated object and exerts twisting and pulling forces on the elongated object in a direction at an acute angle to the body surface;
- f) rocking the hand tool 10 back on the curved, flattened edge 19 in a direction away from the wooden surface, so as to fully disengage the elongated object from the surface; and
- g) disengaging the elongated object from the hand tool 10. --

3. Please add the following reference number to the "Brief List of Reference Numbers Used in the Drawings" on page 25 of the specification:

--36 serrated teeth--

4. Please replace the Abstract on page 23 with the following rewritten Abstract:

--A hand operated tool for extracting an embedded elongated object, ~~including~~ includes: a) an elongated, movable first handle member with a first, upper end portion divided into two matching legs separated by an opening; b) a corresponding second handle member with a first jaw member and a first, upper end extending through the leg opening, the second handle member being pivotally attached to ~~both legs the first leg and the second leg~~ both legs; c) a floating head portion pivotally attached to the first and second legs, the floating head portion including a second jaw member and an adjacent, upper curved edge; and d)

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two matching lever bars facing one another from opposite sides of the ~~extraction~~ tool, each being pivotally connected to the second handle member and to the floating head portion; and wherein the second jaw member is engaged against the first jaw member ~~when the extraction tool is~~ in a closed tool position, and disengaged from the first jaw member ~~when the extraction tool is~~ in an open tool position. --